REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 3-9, 11 and 12 were previously pending in this application.

Claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12 are amended herein.

Claims 13-15 are added herein.

Claims 3-9 and 11-15 are now pending and under consideration.

No new matter is being presented and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

II. CLAIMS 11 AND 12 ARE REJECTED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY SUDO ET AL. (U.S. PATENT 6,223,058).

Claims 11 and 12 are amended herein. The newly amended claim 11 for example, recites a storage medium readable by machine, tangible embodying an operation content notifying program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method comprising (a) detecting an operated content from a rotation of an operation device; (b) measuring a rotational volume of said operation device; and (c) notifying **by an alarm** the operation content causing an output in accordance with a measured result when the operation content is a maximum or minimum at predetermined time. Support for the amendment can be found for example on page 10, line19 thru page 13, line 16.

Sudo et al. (Sudo) discloses a method of operating the volume control on a mobile phone wherein the present state is indicated on a display according to the operation of a rotary jog dial. As a result of the operation of the jog dial, if a maximum value is reached, the cursor is moved to the position indicating the maximum value and upon reaching a minimum values, the cursor is moved to the position indicating the minimum value (as shown in Figure 31). Sudo does not disclose or suggest a method of re-confirming the output content wherein *notifying by an alarm the operation content causing an output in accordance with a measured result when the operation content is a maximum or minimum at predetermined time.* Sudo does not teach or suggest notifying by an alarm ... when the operational content is a maximum or minimum at a predetermined time, as recited for example, in claim 11.

Therefore, Sudo does not anticipate the amended claims 11 and 12 because Sudo does not disclose all the features of the present invention. In view of the claim amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claim 11 and 12 is respectfully requested.

III. CLAIMS 3-9 ARE REJECTED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER SUDO ET AL. IN VIEW OF THE MOTOROLA TIMEPORT 270C WIRELESS TELEPHONE USERS'S MANUAL.

Claim 3 is amended herein to recite *an information processing terminal comprising ... operation content notifying unit notifies **by an alarm** that an output content outputted from said output unit is a maximum or minimum.* As discussed above in section II, Sudo does not disclose this feature. Furthermore, the <u>Motorola Timeport Digital Wireless Telephone User's Guide</u> does not provide method of notifying the user **by an alarm** whether the output volume is at the maximum or minimum value. The method taught by Motorola simply allows a user to set an alarm based upon a calendar or timer entry. For example, if the sound is emitted in a noisy place, the sound may be drowned out and the user does not sense that the volume is at the maximum value.

The present invention as recited for example, in claim 3, discloses an alarm that is made only when the output content is set to a maximum or minimum value. That is, when the alarm is made, the output content must be set to maximum or minimum. Thus, the user can grasp the output content of the alarm. Therefore, the <u>Motorola Timeport Digital Wireless Telephone User's Guide</u> does not disclose or suggest the ability to notify *by an alarm that an output content is outputted from said output unit is a maximum or minimum.* Therefore, it would not have been obvious to combine the method of operating a mobile phone volume control taught by Sudo with the calendar entry alarm disclosed in the <u>Motorola Timeport Digital Wireless Telephone User's Guide</u> to create *an operation content notifying unit notifying of a content of the operation result causing said output in accordance with a result of measurement by said rotational volume measuring unit,* as recited for example in claim 3.

Claims 4-9 depend from claim 3, therefore the comments above may be applied hereto. Therefore, it would have not been obvious to combine the system taught by Sudo with the method taught by the <u>Motorola Timeport Digital Wireless Telephone User's Guide</u> because neither reference suggests all the features of the claimed invention. In view of the claim

amendment and remarks, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 3-9 is respectfully requested.

VI. CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

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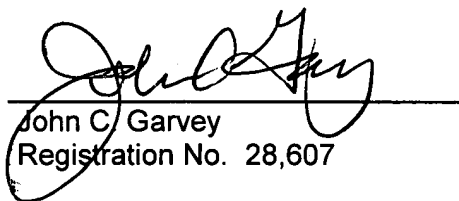
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